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Applicant : Blake, et al.
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PHAKIC IOL
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DECLARATION BY DR. CHARLES D. KELMAN

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Dear Sir:

1. I am an inventor on the above-captioned patent application and am familiar with the specification.

2. I have extensive experience in the field of ophthalmology and ophthalmic surgery, particularly with reference to the implantation of Intraocular lenses (IOLs) as evidenced by my attached curriculum vitae (Exhibit A).

3. I have reviewed the following two patents which were referenced by Examiner: Gilpin: Kelman, USPN 4,268,921, filed October 22, 1979 and Simcoe, UKPN 2,171,912A, filed February 27, 1986. Both patents provide intraocular lenses with a lens and haptics. Kelman, USPN 4,268,921 describes an IOL with a lens body and 3 separate haptics, two of which are integrally joined to the lens body. Simcoe, UKPN 2,171,912A provides an intraocular lens with a lens and two separate haptics which are integrally formed to the lens body. Neither of these references could be described as having "a V-shaped haptic", because the haptic portions for these IOLs are separated from each other by the lens body and, thus, plural.

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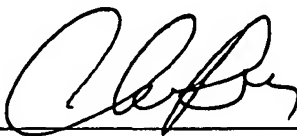
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Dated:

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